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1. ACCORDING TO THE FONOFF, THE FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA REPORTS THAT ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 22 SHOOTING COULD BE HEARD IN KAMPALA. ARMORED VEHICLES WERE SEEN ON THE STREETS. THE EMBASSY IN KAMPALA HAS NO HARD FACTS BUT HAS HEARD RUMORS OF A FIREFIGHT INSIDE THE CAMP OF THE MILITARY POLICE NEAR MIKINDYE PROBABLY INVOLVING RIVAL MILITARY FACTIONS. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO REPORT ON CASUALTIES, THE FRG EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE WERE NO EUROPEANS OR AMERICANS INVOLVED.

2. THE FRG EMBASSY ALSO REPORTS THAT ON FEBRUARY 22, 18 UGANDAN SOLDIERS WERE HANGED FROM TREES ABOUT 100 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE OF KAMPALA (NEAR MASAKA). WHY THEY WERE KILLED REMAINS A MYSTERY, BUT THE FRG AMBASSADOR (ELLERKMANN) HYPOTHESIZES THAT IT WAS EITHER DONE BY AMIN TO INTIMIDATE POTENTIAL OPPOSITION OR WILL BE USED AS A
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PRETEXT BY HIM FOR SOME NEW BRUTALITY AGAINST SOME GROUP OR TRIBE.

3. AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN VIEWS THE SITUATION IN UGANDA AS AN INTERNAL STRUGGLE WITH RELIGIOUS OVERTONES. HE NOTES THE DISTINCT POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER CLASHES BETWEEN CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM SEGMENTS OF THE MILITARY.

WHETHER THE DISTURBANCES WILL LEAD TO GREATER UPHEAVAL
OR EVEN CIVIL WAR, IN HIS OPINION, REMAINS TO BE
SEEN.

4. THE FON OFF HAS PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED
PROMPTLY ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
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